Fresh bidding for gas power projects

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the gas power projects for which fresh bids are likely to be invited;

(b) whether it is a fact that bids were twice invited earlier;

(c) what is the capacity of each of these projects; and

(d) what was the total capacity added by NTPC last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is inviting fresh bids shortly on International Competitive Bidding basis for Main Plant Packages in respect of Anta-II, Auraiya-II, Kawas-II and Gandhar-II Combined Cycle Power Projects.

(b) NTPC received bids for Anta-II and Auraiya-II earlier in March, 1999. However, only one bid was received and that too did not comply with the tender requirement of opening of bids. Therefore, the bid was returned unopened to the bidder. In view of the poor response in Anta-II and Auraiya-II, the bid opening of Kawas-II and Gandhar-II was extended. Subsequently, after modifications to the bidding documents, bids for Anta-II, Auraiya-II, Kawas-II and Gandhar-II were received by NTPC in June, 1999.

(c) The nominal capacity of each of these projects is 650 MW.

(d) NTPC has added 1116 MW capacity during the last year i.e. 1999-2000 as detailed below :

Vindhyachal Super Thermal Power Project Stage-II	500 MW
Unchahar Thermal Power Project Stage-II	210 MW
Faridabad Gas Power Projects	286 MW
Kayamkulam Combined Cycle Power Project	120MW

In addition, a capacity of 440 MW has been added to NTPC's installed capacity on account of taking over of Tanda Thermal Power Station from U.P. State Electricity Board.